

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

v.)

ABDULLAHI HASHI (11))

CASE NO. 3:10-cr-00260
JUDGE HAYNES

DEFENDANT ABDULLAHI HASHI'S MOTION IN LIMINE NO. 1

Defendant Abdullahi Hashi (11), by and through the undersigned counsel, moves this Court to limit the government from mentioning in its opening statement or case-in-chief that Defendant Abdullahi Hashi was a gang member of either the "Somalia Outlaws" or the Somalia Mafia." The Introduction of the Second Superseding Indictment states in part that: "[11] ABDULLAHI HASHI a/k/a "KAMAL", was a member of the SOL/SM." (Docket Entry No. 591, p. 5).

Defendant objects to any attempt by the government to introduce testimony of alleged gang membership into the trial without competent proof from a witness to support the allegations, and requests exclusion of the evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 403. Defendant Hashi submits that any probative value as to testimony about gang membership is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice. Defendant Hashi requests a jury out hearing before introduction of testimony about gang membership so as to gauge the reliability and also the relevancy of the evidence under F.R.E. 403. Finally, and in the event that the Court allows testimony about gang membership, Defendant Hashi requests a limiting instruction.

For these reasons, Defendant Hashi request the Court exclude from the trial evidence about membership in a gang, whether it be the Somalia Outlaws, Somalia Mafia, or some other gang the government contends he holds membership.